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TO: Members, Newark Community Project For People With AIDS

FROM: Curtis E. Ducksworth, Member Research Committee

RE: Meeting with Ms. Joyce Jackson, N.J. State Department of Health
20 Evergreen St., East Orange, N.J.

DATE: July 19, 1988

I met with Ms. Jackson in her Department on Friday, July 1, 1988. The discussion was open and impulsive with uncertain and needed information (informal) which included the following excerpts of discussion.

Ms. Jackson indicated she had submitted materials to Derek Winans prior to the last meeting which provided information as to an application for USCM GRANT For Community AIDS Education by the US Conference of Mayors, and letter of introduction from the National Gay Rights Advocates on AIDS Civil Rights Project.

We began to discuss our local area and on going projects and organizations with which we should touch base for information and areas of assistance.

. URBAN NEWARK PROJECT
Newark Gay/Lesbian Organization

. St. Michaels & University Hospital in reference to CASE MANAGERS recognized assistance or needs of the community, seek the current number of participants enrolled, and regards to the approximate 3 month waiting list for new participants.

. St. Michael's Hospital is the local test site which is available by appointment or walk-in (CONFIDENTIAL) in which you don't have to identify yourself or your sex partners, but refer your cooperation. - Records of such tests are kept in the test department and do not become a part of General Hospital Records open to general review.

. Children's Hospital also provides Testing For CHILDREN by the Pediatrics AIDS Task Force. Contact MARY BOLAND, Chairperson at 268-8273 for further information. Also they are requesting to NETWORK with community organizational resources.

. To assist us in contacting or assisting our IV or DRUG induced AIDS victims, touch base for assistance from the "X-ADDICTS STREET WORKS" who are Ex-Addicts - trained and funded-to do community assistance with the addicted population, who work with or in conjunction with assistance of our Drug Rehabilitation Center.

. The Renaissance House provides a 'Health Van' For Free EXAMS in the communityand provides a Doctor and Nurse upon request to scheduled locations. Also Renaissance House provide DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN.

. Recommend we consider establishing or become involved in establishing a Newark Based Boarding Home/Residential Health Care Center For Homeless AIDS victims. Also request assistance in identifying Homeless AIDS VICTIMS.

Ms. Jackson stated that the State Department of Health is in the process of providing - Medical Day Care Program for mainly Outpatient Care with Community Treatment Center which are forthcoming.

Ms. Jackson provided me with a listing of Agencies, Test Centers, and Organizations which are currently funded and staffed to assist AIDS & Drug patients in Northern N.J.

Also review the brochure in PADD which is a special program for people with AIT and the pharmaceutical Assistance program available.

The State Department of Health have Referral Beds For Homeless AIDS patients in Northern N.J. with approximately 30 beds available. However you must refer these patients to the State Department of Health which is controlled by Ms. Jackson's office.

There are Nursing Home Beds Available in Northern Jersey.

Home Care provided by North Jersey Dept of Health.

Social Security Benefits are available to Disabled AIDS patients.

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- . People with less work History (Little or None) / / Special MEDICARE PROGRAM for AIDS patients
- . Qualify for Approximately \$325 per month / / There are special application under the ACAP program

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- / (1) Increased Home Health

- People with long or extensive work history
 - Qualify for Approximately \$500 per month
 - Do not qualify for MEDICARE at that time
- Care Benefits
(Nurses - 16 Hours per day)
- (2) Personal Care Assistance